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AFML ORGANIZATION

In Special Orders No. 129, AGO, 26 June 1952, Lieutenant Colonel Frank B. Rogers is announced as Director of the Armed Forces Medical Library.

Nominations of civilian members of the Advisory Group were approved by the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council, and announcement of their appointment was made in Library Order No. 12, dated 30 June 1952. The Group is now constituted as follows:

Term expiring 30 June 1953

Colonel Clement F. St. John
Chief, Medical Plans and Operations Division
Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army

Dr. Wilburt C. Davison
Dean, School of Medicine, Duke University

Term expiring 30 June 1954

Captain Wilbur E. Kellum
Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Richard H. Shryock
Director, Institute of the History of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Basil G. Bibby
Director, Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N. Y.

Term expiring 30 June 1955

Colonel Fratis L. Duff
Chief, Preventive Medicine Division
Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Air Force

Miss Janet Doe
Librarian, New York Academy of Medicine

Dr. Karl F. Meyer
Director, Hooper Foundation, University of California

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MLA MEETING

The Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association was held at the Lake Placid Club, New York, 24 - 27 June 1952. Miss L. Margueriete Prime, President of the Association, presided.

Dr. Austin Smith, Editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, gave the opening address on "Common Publishing Problems." The speakers at the annual banquet were Dr. James A. Campbell, Dean, Albany Medical College, who spoke on "Trends in Medical Education in Relation to the Library," and Dr. Francis B. Trudeau, who presented an illustrated lecture on "Early Days in the Fight Against Tuberculosis."

There were five separate group meetings (Dental, School, Pharmacy, Medical Society, and Hospital groups) in addition to the general sessions, which were concerned with Medical Librarianship and Certification, National and International Activities, Library Services, Reports from Regional Groups, Administrative Reports, and various papers on individual topics.

Perhaps the outstanding Committee Reports were those presented by Mrs. Breed Robinson (Maryland), Chairman of the Personnel Survey Committee, and Miss Ida J. Draeger (Women's Medical College), Chairman of the Committee on Criteria for Medical School Libraries. The amount of work contributed by these and other committees is very considerable, and the results reflect the effort. Members of Miss Draeger's Committee reported separately on various aspects of their work: Miss Ruth Yarger (Temple) summarized the replies received to the main portion of the questionnaire distributed by the Committee; Miss Clara S. Manson (Stanford) described the compilation of data on serial holdings; and Miss Eleanor G. Steinke (Vanderbilt) gave the figures on book holdings.

Dr. Sanford V. Larkey, of the Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University, reported on the Indexing Project. Nine members of the Armed Forces Medical Library staff attended the meeting. Lieutenant Colonel Rogers reported on the status of the new organization of the Library; Mr. Kanardy L. Taylor presented his report as MLA representative on the Union List of Serials Committee; Miss Estelle Brodman reported in her capacity as Editor of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, participated in the panel discussion on "Teaching of Medical Bibliography," and read Mr. Seymour Taine's paper on the "Subject Heading Authority List of the Current List of Medical Literature." Miss Charlotte Kenton spoke on "Reference Tools for the Hospital Medical

Library." Other staff members present were Mr. Richard Cutter, Miss Anna E. Dougherty, Mrs. Marion H. Holdowsky, Mrs. Creola D. Wilson, and Dr. W. J. Wilson. An exhibit of recent AFML publications was also shown.

Miss Marion Dondale, Convention Chairman and Chairman of the Program Committee, and Miss Heath Babcock, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, were congratulated by the membership for the excellence of the arrangements for the meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President - Mr. W. D. Postell, New Orleans

Vice President - Miss Marion Dondale, Albany

Honorary Vice President - Dr. Emerson Crosby Kelly, Albany

Secretary - Miss Louise Lage, Indianapolis

Treasurer - Miss Helen Woelfel, Army Medical Research Laboratory, Fort Knox

Member, Board of Directors - Mr. Scott Adams, NIH, Bethesda

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Salt Lake City, 16 - 19 June 1953. In 1954 the Association will meet in Washington, D. C.

HONORARY CONSULTANT DIES

Major General Merritte W. Ireland, Surgeon General of the Army from 1918 to 1931, died at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, on 5 July 1952, after a long illness. General Ireland was appointed Surgeon General following service in France in World War I as Chief Surgeon of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was reappointed in 1922, 1926, and 1930, and held the office until his retirement from the Army on 31 May 1931.

Many honors were bestowed on General Ireland. He was one time President of the American College of Surgeons, the American Board of Medical Examiners, and the Association of Military Surgeons. He held the Distinguished Service Medal, and in 1945 received the William Freeman Snow Award for Distinguished Service to Humanity, in recognition of his work in reorganization of the Army Medical Department.

EXHIBIT

The July-August exhibit on "Medicine in the Talmud and Old Testament" has been prepared by Miss Charlotte Kenton and illustrates the contributions of the ancient Hebrews in the fields of psychiatry, public health, obstetrics, and surgery. Manuscript and text material have been borrowed from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary and from the Hebraic Section of the Library of Congress.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Just off the press is George Sarton's "Horus: A Guide to the History of Science" (Waltham, Mass., Chronica Botanica Co., 1952. 316 p.). The book is divided into two portions. The shorter part is devoted to several essays by Sarton explaining the purpose and meaning of the History of Science. The larger part consists of bibliographies covering catalogs of scientific literature, union lists of scientific periodicals, abstracting and reviewing journals, international congresses, and kindred matters; to this portion Dr. Claudius F. Mayer has made considerable contributions.

The publisher's catalog fairly describes this as a "book [which] will be a friend and vademecum for every historian of science."

PD ORDERS

During the first four months of this year, the Photoduplication Section of the Reference Division, AFML, was receiving an average of 8,000 orders a month. The following table gives a comparison with three previous years:

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